

BARBARISM

US Secretary of States James Baker described the Serbian attacks against Muslim civilians "barbarism at its worst". It is reported that the US has devised a number of measures for 'punishing' the Serbs for their barbarism perpetrated against the defenceless Bosnian Muslim civilians. But these measures are devoid of clout. They are words denuded of effect.

By its own admission, the Serb attacks against Bosnian Muslims are "barbarism at its worst", yet there is no resolve to intervene militarily to put an end to the brutal slaughter of Muslims! How quick was the US to execute its brutal aggression against Iraq ostensibly to protect the Kuwaitis! If the US and the west are earnest and if they were really concerned about the "barbarism at its worst", then what is the delay in staging a mini-Iraqi-type invasion to repel the barbarians responsible for "barbarism at its worst"?

COSMETIC!

The cosmetic measures announced by the US in an ostensible bid to curtail Serbian savagery against defenceless Bosnian Muslims consist of:

- * UN sanctions which will, of course not be applied with such rigid force and effectiveness as the sanctions being applied against Iraq. Iraq is not even allowed to use its own planes to spray insecticide over its wheatfields.

- * Some curtailment of diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level.

These ridiculous measures display the scant regard the west has for Muslim life and blood. When Iraq was involved, UN sanctions and military intervention were applied with unrestrained ferocity and swiftness even though Iraq did not perpetrate atrocities in Kuwait. Even the much exaggerated and blatant lies about Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait do not equal the murder, slaughter and extermination of Muslims currently being enacted by the barbarians of Serbia.

OBLIGATION?

The French President Francois Mitterand declared: "We have a moral obligation to help." But, Muslims cannot expect the enemies of Islam and the enemies of Muslims to help Muslims being slaughtered by Christians.

In spite of acknowledging the moral obligation to help, the help is not forthcoming as swift as the aggression against Iraq was perpetrated by the combined forces of kufr aided and abetted by spineless political leaders of Muslim countries.

DECEPTION

The deceptions of the kuffaar are not hidden secrets. At every turn plots are being hatched to thwart and destroy Muslims and to usurp their wealth and resources. If Muslims can only open their eyes and rise from their slumber and extricate themselves from the morass of moral and spiritual corruption in which they are groveling, Allah will suffice for them. In the Qur'aan-e-Hakeem, Allah Ta'ala proclaims:

"And if they (kuffaar) conspire to deceive you, verily, Allah suffices for you."

'LARGEST UPROOTING'

UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali, assessing the massacre of Muslims in Bosnia, stated:

"It was the largest uprooting of population in Europe since the Second World War."

While acknowledging the slaughter and uprooting of the Bosnian Muslims, these kuffaar in the west and at the UN can do nothing more than offer half-hearted sympathy and theories of action as answers to the murderous aggression of the Serbs.

Without the slightest doubt, if the Bosnian Muslims had had the upperhand and constituted a danger to Serbian independence, the US dominated kuffaar world would not have hesitated to spearhead another expedition of military intervention to curb any Muslim advance against the Serbs. We make this observation, not as a grudge against the west, but to drive home a message to the Ummah. It is vital that Muslims understand that the whole charade of western concern over Serbian aggression is devoid of honesty. Muslims should not labour under the misconception that America and Britain and France will come to the aid of their brethren being murdered, whether it be in Bosnia, Kashmir, Palestine or anywhere else. US intervention against Iraq was not to aid the Kuwaitis. The whole exercise of aggression was connived to secure and loot Muslim wealth and neutralize a Muslim country which constituted a danger to Israel in American estimation.

THE SLAUGHTER

The slaughter of Bosnian Muslims is so wanton, so brutal, so barbaric and naked that the US and the West have been constrained to offer a semblance of verbal support for the suffering Muslims of Bosnia. Even the kuffaar media had to come out in condemnation of the Serbian aggression. Time Magazine in its May 24-30 1992 issue says:

"Finally impelled by scenes of civilian slaughter in Sarajevo, the US and its European allies went to work last week to impose economic sanctions on Serbia. The Serbs who fill the ranks of both regular and irregular forces, are now seen as the main aggressors in the war in the ruins of Yugoslavia."

Though the Serbs make up only a third of the population of Bosnia-Herzegovina, they are, says US Ambassador to Yugoslavia Warren Zimmerman, trying to take over two-thirds of the country. In their campaign to carve out a Greater Serbia and expel Croats and Muslims, the Serbs have created hundreds of thousands of refugees....."

While Time Magazine presents an unbiased report, it is incorrect to say that the Serbs are the "main" aggressors. In fact, against the Muslims of Bosnia, the Serbs are the aggressors and aggressors of the most barbaric and savage kind. The facts of the brutal Serb aggression scream out loud and clear. There can be absolutely no doubt as to who is the aggressor in the holocaust unfurling in Muslim Bosnia.

PREPARE YOUR DEFENCE.
(Surah Anfaal)

SUPPORTING THE SLAUGHTER

While James Baker was constrained to brand the horrors perpetrated by the Serb savages "barbarism at its worst", Lord Carrington the EC man declared that it would not be helpful to put all the blame on the Serbs. In the face of all the facts staring him starkly in the face, Mr. Carrington deems it appropriate to condone the slaughter of his Serbian brethren. About these kuffaar the Qur'aan Majeed tells us that the malice and hate they have in their hearts for Muslims are worse than the invectives they verbally express.

CRY OF PITY

Bosnia's desperate appeal for Muslim backing fell on deaf ears at the recent 'emergency' meeting of the so-called Organization of Islamic Conference held by the foreign ministers of 46 Muslim countries in Istanbul.

The Bosnian Foreign Minister appealed to Muslim countries to back foreign military intervention to bring to an end the slaughter of Muslims by the Serbs. But the Foreign Minister was wasting his time pleading to a bunch of spineless political leaders out on a picnic in Istanbul. The hearts of these political leaders at the helm of affairs in Muslim lands are impregnated by kufr, hence the misery and horror which the Bosnian Muslims are suffering do not strike any responsive chord in them.

These impervious political leaders, foreign ministers, presidents and prime ministers cannot be members of this Ummah of Islam. If the eye pains, the whole body will suffer. But, the attitude exhibited by these callous political leaders justifies the assumption that they are evil shayateen masquerading as Muslims.

Content with their adoption of ineffective resolutions of hollow sympathy and hypocritical offerings of support, the political leaders of Muslim states meekly and obediently toe the line chalked out for them by their mentor, the US. They proclaim themselves as independent sovereign states while they are the spineless slaves of the United States and the West. They are compelled to dance like apes to the tune set by their kufr masters in America, England and France. They are a disgrace to Islam and they have betrayed the Ummah for a miserable price.

It is a shocking revelation of impotency, corruption and disgrace to observe 46 so-called independent Muslim countries holding an emergency meeting to discuss the horrors and the slaughter of a whole Muslim nation, yet these miserable drones fail to come up with a plan to thwart and neutralize the savage enemy. These evil political leaders have transformed all the lands of Islam into satellites of the kuffaar powers. They sport Muslim names while their hearts brim over with kufr and nifaaq. Be it Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Egypt, Algeria or any of the other myriad of so-called Muslim states, they are all of the same ilk. They survive on kufr—they pedal kufr and they are destroying the lands of Islam with their kufr. The fate which overtook the president of Algeria must necessarily overtake all these tyrants who are the miserable fronts of the West.

A HEROIC STAND

The valiant resistance put up by the Bosnian Muslims inspite of the extremely heavy odds against them is solely due to the fact that there still remains something of Islam in them.

Fighting tyranny and brutality is a natural trait of Imaan. No matter the degree of degradation into which Muslims have become submerged, they are still capable of making heroic sacrifices and valiant defence. The Imaan of Muslims demand that they do down fighting. It is inherent in a Muslim to die honourably, not cowering with cowardice which is an inherent attribute of the kuffaar.

OVERWHELMING ODDS

Indeed the odds against the Bosnian Muslims are overwhelming. Muslim irregulars are hemmed in on all sides. They fight with light arms. They are pitted against a fully mobilized savage army of Serbian kuffaar who have taken up positions with heavy military equipment on the surrounding hills overlooking the largely defenceless Muslim populace. Supported by the army of Yugoslavia, the Serbian barbarians are daily pounding the Muslim population with heavy weapons. In this brutal manner is the Muslim population being demoralized and brutalized.

Despite these staggering odds against them, the Bosnian irregular Muslim fighters are putting up a heroic stand. Even if they are defeated, they can hold their heads high for they went down fighting, not running.

ATROCITIES

At vulnerable points where there are no Muslim fighters to resist the cowardly advance of the Serbian savages, these kuffaar gain entry and manage to overwhelm the unarmed defenceless Muslim people and a virtual reign of horror and terror is let loose by these barbarians. Women are ravaged, infants are brutally murdered, people are cruelly expelled from their homes and whole villages are set alight.

But neither these overwhelming odds nor the unspeakable atrocities and carnage perpetrated by the Serbian savages have dimmed the resolve of the Bosnian Muslims to fight valiantly for their honour. Five months of horror has not diminished their determination to stand up against the brutal Serbian animals. May Allah Ta'ala grant them aid—Unseen Aid—from His Side. There is no one and nothing that can today come to the aid of the brutalized Muslim bretheren of Bosnia other than Allah's Aid.

IMAANI WEAKNESS

When the Bosnian Muslims are capable of displaying so much heroism despite their Deeni and Imaani weaknesses, one can imagine the flying success and victory which a Nation of Muslims grounded in Imaan and adorned with spiritual elevation can achieve. The power and victory of the Ummah are acquired on the basis of an Imaan adorned with all the moral and spiritual excellences of Islam. No power can withstand the thrust of an Ummah which has graduated in Roohaani Power. This, alas! is lacking in the Ummah of today.

OUR DUA

For the moment, the dua of the whole Ummah must be for Allah's Aid to come to the Muslims of Bosnia. May Allah Ta'ala save them from the plundering and pillaging of the Serbian savages.

THE ONLY SOLUTION~ A SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

Limbs blown off, groaning in their own blood, heads, feet and legs blown off, limbs severed and scattered among the dead and dying, women ravaged by savages, women and infants brutally killed, Muslims sought out and killed in even hospitals and Musajid, Musajid desecrated and burnt, dead Muslim bodies trampled on and kicked about, people being brutally expelled from their homes—horror upon horror systematically devised and perpetrated in vile attempts to exterminate whole communities of Muslims—these atrocities are happening in Bosnia—they are happening in Kashmir, in Palestine, in Burma and elsewhere. Muslims are suffering untold and unimaginable horrors, yet the greater part of the Ummah remains complacent and unaffected by these stark revelations of terror.

SYMPATHY

Undoubtedly, numerous Muslims of true Imaan are perplexed and cry out in sheer desperation at the impotency of the Ummah to act against the cowardly kuffaar who are engaged in pillaging and plundering Muslims in different parts of the globe. Saddened and frustrated they can offer only their sincere supplications.

While the sincere ones offer their sincere duas, the overwhelming majority is content to express its verbal sympathy and resolutions which ring hollow. Slogans and expressions of sympathy are futile. No one is aided by such verbal pronouncements.

SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

The appallingly deplorable state of the Ummah's degradation and disgrace can be remedied only by a massive and global spiritual revolution. While such a Roohaani revolution appears extremely remote on a global scale at the present moment, nevertheless, every Muslim is under Shar'i obligation to initiate a spiritual revolution in his own life. Every spiritually rejuvenated Mu'min is an asset and a gain to the Ummah. An appreciable number of true Mu'mineen adorned with Roohaaniyat can wrought wonders even though they may be hemmed in on all sides by the might of kufr and baatil.

CALAMITIES

Muslims far away from the arena in which atrocities are being committed on Muslim communities, should not become complacent nor feel snug in the misconceived notion that "we are safe" and that such carnage as is being observed today in Bosnia and Kashmir will not and cannot overtake us who are situated far away from the trouble spots.

Today it is Bosnia, tomorrow it can be you. May Allah Ta'ala save us all from these calamities which do not distinguish between the old and young, between man and woman—calamities which have no conception of mercy and brutality.

COMPLACENCY

We daily read and hear about the sufferings of Muslims elsewhere, yet we display shocking complacency and indifference. We continue to tread along our chosen ways of corruption, greed and un-Islamic life-styles. People are suffering horribly elsewhere, but we find time and wealth to squander in a host of frivolous

un-Islamic and anti Sunnah customs and practices. Consider our wedding customs. While Muslims are starving and suffering all over the world, while Muslims are being brutalized by kuffaar, we find it appropriate to gush down the drains thousands of rands to perpetuate these haraam customary acts and futile customs. Indeed, it is most callous to exhibit an attitude of frivolity and futility when so many Muslims are wallowing in abject misery and horrors elsewhere.

ONE UMMAH

When Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has declared that the entire Muslim Nation of the world constitutes a single Ummah, then how is it possible for us to behave so coldly and callously when our bretheren are being drowned in suffering? Indeed, the abject corruption of our Imaan is indicated by our indifferent attitude. When the eye pains, the whole body pains—when the head aches, the whole body aches—declared Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). The Qur'aan states: "Verily, all Mu'mineen are brothers." But, we do not react like brothers. We do not behave like members of the single Ummah established by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

TAKE STOCK

It is essential that Muslims take stock of their lives. The spiritual decadence and the moral rot in which Muslims are stagnated have desensitized them. Our brotherhood feelings have been destroyed by our abandonment of the Deen. With an Imaan dulled and darkened by transgression, Muslims fail to understand and appreciate the sufferings of their bretheren. If Muslims had a true perception of Islamic brotherhood and if they were truly concerned with the heart-rending plight of Muslims elsewhere, they would not have chosen the ways of wasting life and squandering the bounties of Allah Ta'ala.

We fail to examine ourselves in the light of the Shariah. We believe that our kufr ways of life are correct, hence decline to adopt the Islamic way of self-reformation. When our corruption has finally exceeded all limits, then the calamity will descend. Nothing then will avail. If we refrain from stock-taking now, the time will soon arrive when all confession, supplication and resolutions will be of no avail. Intelligence dictates that we do not wait until it is too late. It is imperative that every Muslim sets about to spiritually and morally reform himself/herself along the ways of the Sunnah. There is no other way for Muslim renaissance, advancement and victory over the kuffaar.

Are we going to wait for a fate similar to the Bosnian or Kashmiri conflagration before we open our eyes? May Allah Ta'ala open up the hearts and eyes of the Muslims. May He show us the Path. May He purify us and save us from the evils lurking within our nafs.

"O People of Imaan! Answer the Call of Allah and the Rasool when he calls you..". (Qur'aan)

ISLAMIC JIHAAD

Jihaad is an integral part of Islam. The Ummah of Islam cannot flourish without this vital institution. But, Shar'i Jihaad should not be confused with the looting, stoning and arson perpetrated by street mobs at the behest of hypocritical and spineless political leaders who survive on a plethora of slogans designed to capture the imagination of ordinary ignorant street-folk.

The Jihaad ordered by Islam is a continuous War against the kuffaar on a global scale for the sake of raising the Glory of Allah's Law. Islamic Jihaad is not a confined operation. It is not a regional battle to merely defend against an aggressor. While all the struggles which Muslims are presently waging against their enemies in a bid for survival can be technically described as Jihaad and while the thawaab of Jihaad can be acquired by participation in such restricted forms of Jihaad, the true Jihaad envisaged by Islam is something of a different sort.

TRUE JIHAAD

The Jihaad of the Sahaabah was not a battle for survival nor was it a defensive war to repel invaders and aggressors. The Jihaad of the Sahaabah was a perpetual Jihaad to subjugate the world to the Law of Islam. Islamic Jihaad knows no geographic frontiers. The entire world is the arena for Islamic Jihaad.

THE REQUISITE

The essential requisite for successful Shar'i Jihaad is the acquisition of a high degree of Roohaaniyat (spiritual elevation). Minus Roohaaniyat, Muslims can never hope for success in any Jihaad campaign. The greater the degree of Roohaaniyat, the greater the success against the kuffaar will be. In the absence of Roohaaniyat, only defeat and destruction stare the Muslim in the face.

To inculcate the essential requisite of Jihaad into the Sahaabah, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) spent thirteen years in Makkah Mukarramah in the process of Islaah-e-Baatin (spiritual reformation) of the Sahaabah. The command for Jihaad was given only after the achievement of a very lofty degree of Roohaaniyat.

This vital requirement of Roohaaniyat will settle into a Muslim only when he struggles against his nafs to eliminate the bestial attributes of the flesh and in their place substitute the lofty angelic qualities which the Qur'aan and the Hadith propagate.

In fact, a complete revolution in life-style is required for Muslim progress and spiritual excellence. All departments of Islam have to be compulsorily introduced into the Mu'min's daily life. In addition he must break with baseless customs.

There is no simple remedy for acquiring spiritual development. The struggle against the nafs has been described by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) **Jihaad-e-Akbar** or the Greatest Jihaad. It is a Jihaad greater and more difficult than the Jihaad on the battlefield against the kuffaar. It is a perpetual and a life-long Jihaad which must necessarily be waged so that the Rooh (Soul) dominates and the nafs (the bestial self) is thoroughly subjugated to submit to the commands of Imaani Intelligence.

If Muslims fail to spiritually cleanse and reform themselves, then besides the sufferings in the Aakhirah, they will always remain the under-dogs and the

slaves of the kuffaar here on earth.

FRUITS OF IMAAN

The fruits of true Imaan adorned with Roohaaniyat are twofold: **Najaat (Salvation) in the Hereafter and Political domination on earth.**

The political retrogression in which Muslims are wallowing today is the direct result of the lack of spiritual elevation. Muslims are dominated and controlled by the political forces of the kuffaar not because they (Muslims) lack in material resources. On the contrary, there is an abundance of worldly means and resources at the disposal of the Ummah. The one thing which they lack, is Roohaaniyat, hence they are incapable of sustaining the Standard of Jihaad which is so vital for the victory of the Ummah.

Military hardware and modernized and mechanized armies exist in abundance among the 50 Muslim countries labouring under the misconception that they are independent sovereign states. While there exist material resources in profusion, there is a great dearth of Roohaaniyat, hence we find these spineless Muslim countries lacking in even the ability to tender a strong verbal protest against the atrocities of the brutal kuffaar. If they could at least bark like toothless dogs, one could conclude that there is still a sign of Imaan. But, the flabby acquiescence with which Muslims accept every dictate emanating from the US and its camp followers is utterly disgraceful and revolting.

To acquire the Fruits of Imaan Muslims have to spiritualize their lives in strict accord with the Shariah. The hopelessness and helplessness of the Ummah are so colossal that in present times every man has to save himself from the onslaught of kufr and baatil. The remedy for these disastrous ailments are recorded in the reliable works of the illustrious Ulama of Islam. Muslims should study these works and inculcate the precepts into their daily lives. No effort, no matter in how small measure, will go to waste. Every degree of effort in the right direction will be solidified and enhanced by Divine Aid. The Qur'aan declares:

"Those who strive in US (Our Path), We shall most assuredly guide them to Our Ways."

The Ways leading to success and victory in both worlds will automatically unfurl for Muslims when they engage in the process of Islaah-e-Baatin (spiritual reformation) which is a full programme of both Zaahiri (external) and Baatini (internal) aspects and dimensions of Islam.

The Sword of Jihaad can only be wielded again when Muslims have developed Roohaaniyat. With the disappearance of Roohaaniyat and the ascendancy of moral and spiritual corruption in the Ummah, the Sword of Jihaad was sheathed. Consequently all these 50 spineless Muslim countries have been buffeted into membership of a kufr body such as the United Nations. Now instead of submitting to Islam, they have to meekly submit to the commands of the US and the other kuffaar powers. Whereas Muslims have to be guided by the Qur'aan, they are today steered along by the law of kufr handed down by a variety of kuffaar political, cultural and educational organizations all functioning to bring about the domination of the kuffaar and the suppression of Islam. To Allah we turn for help.

THEIR PLOT

Bosnian villages and towns crowded with tens of thousands of Muslims who had fled their homes and who were expelled by the Serbs, are being encircled by the kuffaar armies bent on exterminating the defenceless Muslim civilians. In these villages without Bosnian Muslim defenders, the brutal Serbs perpetrate the most heinous atrocities. The aim is to decimate the Muslims of Bosnia and to prevent the creation of a Muslim state in Europe. These horrendous massacres and carnage are all enacted in fulfilment of the grand western conspiracy to destroy Islam. But never will they achieve their nefarious and pernicious plot. The Qur'aan says about these plots of the kuffaar:

"THEY PLOT AND ALLAH PLANS. AND ALLAH IS THE BEST OF PLANNERS."

AFLAME!

The City of Sarajevo is much in the news on account of the Serb concentration and desperate attacks in the bid to capture the city. But besides Sarajevo, the entire Muslim Bosnia is aflame. The impression being conveyed is that the carnage is taking place mainly in Sarajevo. This is false. Throughout Bosnia, the savage Serbs are rampantly perpetrating their horrendous and murderous acts of barbarism. There is no place today on earth like Muslim Bosnia, hemmed in so thoroughly by forces of the most brutal kind such as the Serb savages.

PRESCRIPTION

Outlining the prescription for Muslim victory and power, the Qur'aan-e-Hakeem states:

"O my nation! Seek forgiveness from your Rabb, then turn towards Him. He will send down upon you abundant of beneficial rains and He will add power to your power. Do not turn your backs (on Allah) as transgressors."

(Surah Hood)

The Qur'aan Majeed promises worldly prosperity, political domination and success in addition to the everlasting bliss of the Aakhirah for the Mu'mineen who repent and reform themselves.

Past transgression can be simply effaced by means of a sincere Taubah and a resolve to submit to Allah's Law. In consequence, Allah Azza Wa Jal will open up His Doors of Rahmat. He will then multiply the power of the Mu'mineen to entirely eclipse the forces of Shaitaan.

The one and only prescription for Muslim glory and power is explicitly outlined in the Qur'aan Majeed. But there are no takers in the Ummah. Everyone is looking askance in a state of abject slavery and mental confusion towards the very enemies of Islam who are conspiring the annihilation of Islam and the Believers. How can Muslims emulate the life-styles of Allah's enemies and expect Divine Aid? How is it possible for Allah's nusrat (aid) to come when the Ummah's back is turned towards Allah Ta'ala in wanton abandonment of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)? As long as the Ummah refuses to adopt the Qur'aanic prescription, Muslims will dwell in serfdom as slaves of the west.

SOUL ~ SEARCHING

Every calamity overtaking Muslims is the consequence of flagrant transgression and wanton abandonment of the sacred Law of Allah Ta'ala. When the Divine Rope runs out the disasters enclose the transgressing Muslims. The Qur'aan Majeed declares:

"Anarchy has appeared on the land and the ocean because of the (misdeeds) perpetrated by the hands of mankind..."

The Qur'aan also declares:

"There is no disaster which comes but with the command of Allah."

While it must be understood that every disaster engulfing Muslims is a manifestation of Allah's Wrath, this message is directed to the Ummah at large. Right at this moment the finger is not being pointed at our suffering bretheren in Bosnia. In times of calamity, the Muslim's heart aches to see and hear of the horrendous sufferings of parts of the Ummah no matter of which persuasion the unfortunate bretheren may be.

Without adopting a holier than thou attitude and without seeking at this moment to diagnose the spiritual diseases of our Bosnian bretheren, the imperative need is for us who are safe from the disaster, to resort to Muhaasabah or Soul-Searching. Muhaasabah is an incumbent duty imposed on Muslims by the Shariah. While this Soul-Searching is a daily exercise or should be a daily exercise for every Muslim, it has particular and greater importance and significance in view of the conflagration which is presently consuming the Muslims of Bosnia.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) commanded:

"Make muhaasabah (search your souls) before a reckoning will be demanded from you."

When the Divine Demand for a reckoning comes, it will be too late for soul-searching. It will be too late to adopt prescriptions. When the calamity descends from the heavens, then even our supplications will go by unheard in the Divine Court.

The Qur'aan and the Hadith are replete with warnings and reminders. The Ulama-e-Haqq are repeatedly calling the attention of the Ummah to reform their lives and recognize their deviation. But every call falls on deaf ears. Muslims are behaving as if they are dumb, deaf and blind whenever the Qur'aanic Call is sounded to them. Are they then awaiting a fate similar to the fate which is hemming in the Bosnian Muslims? Are they waiting for the disaster to stare them in the face before they begin to understand the seriousness of the situation.

All over the world, it is happening. Do they think that it cannot and will not happen here or wherever Muslims happen to be? Those who refuse to heed the writing on the wall are described by the Qur'aan: "They are deaf, dumb and blind. Thus they will not return."

Once the hearts have been spiritually darkened, naseehat will not penetrate. Never then will people answer the Call of Allah. The promised doom is then justified in the Divine Court.

It does not behove Muslims to destroy their lives in idle pursuits and to set as their life's goal material perfection and monetary affluence. It is essential for the Mu'mineen to understand that all these worldly pursuits are deflections and disasters if pursued as ends and aims. The aim of the Mu'min should be the Akhirah,

not this mundane world about which the Qur'aan states:

"Verily, this worldly life is play and amusement while the Abode of the Akhirah is best for those who fear (Allah). What! Have you then no intelligence?"

If Muslims can only understand this reality, the world will cease to be attractive. It will then not be pursued as if it is the final goal of life. Our worldly professions and occupations will then be conducted in conformity with the Shariah. We shall refrain from dishonesty, fraud and deception. Muslims will then abstain from violating the rights and the honour of others. The rights and obligations of all creation will be honoured. Ibaadat and Thikrullah will become our permanent vocations. Family ties will not be rent asunder. In short the Muslim's life will become one of virtue in which vice will not feature.

But it is not possible to attain spiritual elevation without constant Muhaasabah. The Doctors of the Ummah (the Auliya) have elaborated on Rasulullah's (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) command to observe Muhaasabah (Soul-Searching) and have indicated the way in which the Believers should engage in the exercise of Muhaasabah without which it is not possible to become imbued with baatini (esoteric) insight which opens up the spiritual eyes, ears and heart to comprehend the realities pertaining to this life and the Hereafter.

MUHAASABAH

What is Muhaasabah? How is a Muslim to engage in the exercise of Soul-Searching?

Every Muslim is expected to go into solitude for a few minutes a day. Set aside a time, preferably at night before going to bed. With wudhu sit down and meditate on the entire day's activities. For every virtuous act, statement or thought you recall, express your gratitude to Allah Ta'ala and seek taufeeq (the inner spiritual ability) for greater goodness. For every evil deed, statement and thought you recall, be remorseful and repent and petition Allah Ta'ala to protect you against the evils of the nafs.

If this exercise is carried out daily, Insha'Allah, the spiritual heart will brighten up and the spiritual eyes and ears will open up.

In addition to the muhaasabah in solitude, think before speaking. When the desire to express yourself verbally arises in you, ponder and examine whether the statement which you are about to utter conforms to the Shariah or not. If it does not, exercise restraint on the nafs and seal your lips. If it is a futile statement, then too, withhold your tongue because Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Of the beauty of a man's Islam is that he shuns what is futile."

Futility darkens the spiritual heart and drives the Mu'min away from Divine Proximity.

Muhaasabah and Muraaqabah (meditation) may appear difficult in the beginning. With repeated and constant practice, the spiritual avenues will, Insha'Allah, open up and life will be seen in a new light—the light of transcendental reality. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all towards His Proximity.

OUR SUCCESS

"Verily, the (true) Believers are those whose hearts are overwhelmed when Allah is mentioned; when the Aayaat of Allah are recited to them, their Imaan is increased and they have trust on their Rabb.

They are (such Mu'mineen) who establish Salaat and spend (in His Path) from the wealth We have bestowed to them."

Indeed, they are the true Mu'minoon. For them are lofty ranks by their Rabb, forgiveness and a noble sustenance."

(Surah Anfaal)

The success and power of the Mu'mineen are based on perfection of Imaan which is not attainable without strict adherence to the Shariah as the aforementioned Qur'aanic verses convey.

Those whose sights are set on gaining material perfection become deviated in the pursuit to realize their phantoms. Instead of striving for increase in Imaan, they follow the path which ruins their Imaan. The lofty ranks, both in this world and in the Akhirah are then denied to them. They miserably fail in even securing the mundane goals which they had fixed as life's destination. In the words of the Qur'aan: **They are losers in this world and the Hereafter.** Fear, anxiety and the domination of the kuffaar are imposed on them as punishment for the corruption of their hearts and deeds.

BE STEADFAST

"O People of Imaan! When you encounter a group (of the kuffaar in battle), then be steadfast and make the Thikr of Allah in abundance so that you may be victorious."

(Surah Anfaal)

The steadfastness and determination which are necessary when encountering the enemy are qualities which the Mu'mineen acquire by means of constant Thikrullah. But Thikrullah (Remembrance of Allaah) will bring out the lustre of Imaan only when there is practical adherence to the Commands of Allah Ta'ala. And, these Commands permeate every sphere of the Mu'min's life. There is no aspect of the Mu'min's life which can be practised in isolation. Islamic life is an interwoven pattern or a machine which will function smoothly and efficiently only if all parts and cogs in the machine function correctly.

Thus, the benefits of Thikrullah will not be attained if the Believer usurps the rights of others or is disobedient to his parents or unnecessarily withholds payment from his creditors or presses his debtors or commits any of the acts which are sinful. In short, the true benefits of Thikrullah are the fruits of obedience to Allah's Law. A Mu'min will be described as a perfect Mu'min only if his spiritual, moral, and mundane life is truly Islamic. The degree of success or failure is directly proportional to the degree of obedience and disobedience respectively offered by the Mu'min.

UNITY

"Obey Allah and His Rasool and do not dispute (among yourselves), for then you will lose courage, and your wind (power) will dissipate. Adopt Sabr (patience). Verily, Allah is with those who have Sabr."

(Surah Anfaal)

The basis for achieving such unity and strength ordered in this aayat, is obedience to Allah and His Rasool. Without such obedience, there is only failure and defeat for the Ummah.

ROHINGYA

Arakan, bordering on Burma, was an independent Muslim majority country for centuries. In 1784 Arakan lost its sovereignty when Burma invaded it. After the ending of the British occupation in 1948, Arakan was permanently annexed to Burma.

The Muslims of Arakan are known as the Rohingya. The atrocities committed by the Burmese military regime has forced almost 200,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee the country. There is a daily stream of refugees arriving in Bangladesh. On some days up to 5000 Rohingya Muslims arrive in Bangladesh, fleeing the most brutal repression let loose by the Buddhist kuffaar of Burma. The brutal Burmese military regime is bent on the elimination of the Rohingya Muslims who are rounded up and placed into concentration camps under the most cruel conditions imaginable.

The Rohingya Muslims suffer torture, rape, pillage and plunder at the hands of the Burmese military authorities. Like elsewhere with Muslim minorities, the aim is to exterminate the Muslims. The horrendous stories of rape perpetrated by the brutes of the Burmese army are both shocking and revolting. The hearts of Muslims must bleed when they hear of the horrible crimes which the evil Buddhist kuffaar are committing against defenceless Muslims.

Muslim men are rounded up at random and despatched to labour camps to build roads and slave under intolerable conditions of hardship and misery. Musajid are taken over and desecrated. The cruel events which have overtaken the Rohingya Muslims is indeed a heartbreaking story.

THE JIHAAD

In its Manifesto, the Arakan Mujahideen Front says:

".....Thus, the Rohingyas were forced to take up arms in the early days of Burma's independence. Instead of sharing in the fruits of freedom, they have been targetted for a variety of oppression and extermination. During the last 50 years, a variety of forms of military-assisted immigration operations was carried out, forcing the hapless Arakanese Muslims to seek refuge in other countries. The largest exodus took place in 1978 when more than 300,000 refugees were camped in Bangladesh.

.....Frustration, torture and life under constant terror force these people to migrate to various parts of the world—Middle East, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Their number has now swollen to nearly over one million.

The conspiracy of Burma and its stooges cannot go by unchallenged. We have not been born to bow before the will of the evil ones. Arakan is our motherland and it is our resolve to drive out the barbarism and injustice.....

QUR'AN

Speaking in parliament, Gladstone, a former British Prime Minister, said:

"AS LONG AS THE QUR'AAN IS IN THE HANDS OF MUSLIMS, EUROPE CANNOT MAINTAIN ITS CONTROL."

ULAMA

"Beware of a calamity which will not overtake only the transgressors among you. Know that Allah is most stern in punishing." (Surah Anfaal)

When even the pious in a community become complacent and desensitized because of the prevalence of abundant sin and transgression, then the Divine Punishment becomes justified for the whole nation. This is what the above Qur'aanic verse states.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said when the obligation of Amr Bil Ma'ruf Nahy anil Munkar (Commanding righteousness and forbidding evil) is abandoned, then Allah Ta'ala will overtake the community with such terrible chastisement in which the oppressors will show neither respect to 'your elders' nor 'mercy to your little ones'. Your pious men will then supplicate for Divine Aid, but it will be withheld.

In these times of dangers and uncertainty, there is a greater need for the Ulama to vigorously pursue the duty of Amr Bil Ma'ruf. It goes without dispute that the majority of the Ulama have absconded. They are no longer executing the demands of their sacred Office. As the Representatives of the Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), they are no longer upholding the Torch of Islam.

Either for the fear or the favour of worldly people, the Haqq of Islam is not being correctly propagated. Shielding under dubious policies of misguided diplomacy, the Muslim masses are not hearing the Truth. Hemmed in by fossilized thinking and pursuing worldly objectives, the Ulama are no longer doing justice to their role of being the Guardians of the Shariah.

Fearing the displeasure of worldly people, the Ulama are maintaining a traitorous silence as far as the evil beliefs and customs of Muslim society are concerned. The abundance of un-Islamic customs and kufr practices, bid'ah and baatil, which exist in the Muslim community are not being countered with the required determination by the Ulama. As a consequence of the neglect and indifference of the Ulama, the ordinary people of the Ummah are plodding the path of destruction. Ulama are even participating in the many vile and un-islamic customs prevalent in our society. When even Ulama have degenerated to this low moral ebb, what can be expected of the masses?

The Ulama must have mercy on the suffering Ummah. And, they can show their mercy by calling Muslims to the Deen—by reminding them of their Deeni obligations—by pointing out to them their evils, bid'ah and baatil—by dissociating from the evils and futile practices of the masses and by fixing the Aakhirah as their goal. In the process to acquire Allah's Pleasure, the Ulama should not in the least bit be concerned of losing the support of the masses. It is not the function of the Ulama to carve out a following or to set themselves up as leaders. Our task is to hold aloft the Standard of Islam and keep Islam in the same unadulterated state of purity as it was during the time of the Sahaabah. We have no other role to play here on earth.

The neglect of the Deen committed by the Ulama is producing calamitous consequences throughout the ranks of the Ummah. If the brain is deranged, the whole body reacts with insanity.

QUESTIONS

Q. What is the Islamic order regarding the obligation of Jihaad in the context of the prevailing world situation? Is there any difference in the emphasis of Jihaad as it had existed in the early epoch of Islam?

A. Undoubtedly, Jihaad is a Fardh obligation on the Ummah. In different situations the classification of Jihaad will vary. In some situations it will be Fardh-e-Kifaayah and in other situations it will be Fardh-e-Ain. When Jihaad is Fardh-e-Kifaayah, i.e. during normal circumstances when the safety of the Islamic state or the Ummah is not threatened, then a group embarking on Jihaad will suffice on behalf of the whole nation. If there is no Jamaat whatever waging Jihaad against the kuffaar, the whole nation will be liable for the abandonment of this vital and Fardh obligation.

In the context of the political map of the world today, every separate Muslim country will have its own Ummah. The obligation will devolve separately on each country since the institution of global Khilaafat has become temporarily discontinued. There is no longer a single Khalifah to represent the Ummah of the world. Hence, each country will have its own Ummah to contend with.

In this context, it is the obligatory duty of every Muslim country to wage Jihaad against the kuffaar. In the present situation, the arena for Jihaad is extremely wide and there is a constant and dire need for it in view of the policies and conspiracies of extermination of Muslims hatched by the kuffaar all over the world.

For waging a Shar'i Jihaad, the essential conditions are: An Ameer and a Headquarters. A group can set up its headquarter under an Ameer in even exile and pursue the Path of Jihaad from there. Since there is not a single Muslim country today observing the injunction of Jihaad, groups which the uncivilized westerners and modernist Muslims brand as fundamentalists and terrorists, can assume the Mantle of Jihaad against the kuffaar provided that it is done in conformity with the Shariah.

In the nascent Islamic state of the early Islamic epoch while this was relatively simple, the situation has become more complex in our day on account of spiritual and moral corruption and degradation of the Ummah. In view of the lack of the essential condition of Roohaaniyat, true Islamic Jihaad has well-nigh become an impossibility—a distant dream which seems unattainable.

When the very existence of a Muslim community is threatened, then the Jihaad devolves as a Fardh-e-Ain obligation. This means, the Jihaad will be compulsory on each and every Muslim, male and female. Neither does the wife require the consent of her husband to emerge for Jihaad nor the child the permission of the parents in such a situation. Such a dire situation prevails today in Bosnia and Kashmir and Burma where the extermination of the entire Muslim populace is propagated as the national policy of these kuffaar. But, in all ages the Shar'i emphasis on Jihaad for holding aloft the Standard of Islam will be the same. It is haraam to abandon the institution of Jihaad. On account of moral corruption, the Sword of Jihaad has been sheathed, hence our fall and disgrace.

VICTORY OR MARTYRDOM

The true Mu'mineen whose trust is firmly reposed in Allah, can proudly declare with conviction when confronted by the forces of the kuffaar:

"You (kuffaar) do not await for us (anything) but one of two goodnesses while we wait that Allah overtakes you with a punishment from His Side or by our hands. Therefore wait. We too are waiting along with you." (Surah Taubah)

The two goodnesses mentioned in this aayat are: Victory in battle and Shahaadat (Martyrdom). The Muslim knows no defeat. For him, the command from Allah is to do or die. If he truly possesses the desired degree of Imaani

development, he courts death in Allah's Path as the kuffaar court life. But this lofty condition of Shuja'at (Islamic Bravery) cannot be willed or wished for. It is attainable only by successfully waging the Jihaad against the nafs. When the Muslim has learnt to suppress his nafs and purify himself from the evils of the nafs, then only can he emerge onto the stage to raise aloft the Standard of Jihaad in the Path of Allah Ta'ala. The first part of Rasulallah's (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) mission—13 years—were devoted to Jihaad-e-Akbar. Only on having gained moral supremacy and excellence was the command given for Jihaad against the kuffaar.

THIKRULLAH

"And remember (Thikr) your Rabb with humility, in silence and without raising the voice, in the morning and evening. Do not become among the ghaafileen (careless and neglectful ones)."

(Surah A'raaf)

Remembrance of Allah (Thikrullah) is the purpose of human life. The day when the world will be without a single person taking the Name of Allah, the event of Qiyaamah will take place. To create lustre in Imaan, constant Thikrullah is essential.

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The Serbian Death Wish

LAST WEEK THERE WAS MORE BAD NEWS WITH THE HISTORICALLY ominous dateline Sarajevo. The United Nations had pulled out most of its peacekeepers—there was no peace to keep—and thousands of civilians were suffering, with dwindling supplies of food and medicine. The catastrophe, in short, continues.

The people of the Balkans, it is sometimes said, have too much history for their own good. In a perverse twist on George Santayana's famous warning, they remember the past too well and therefore seem condemned to repeat it.

Take the Serbs, whose leader, Slobodan Milosevic, is most to blame for the horrors.

Serbs remember vividly what happened on a late spring day 603 years ago, June 15, 1389, when Prince Lazar tried to stop the advancing army of the Ottoman sultan Murad I, 240 km south of Belgrade. Lazar's army was crushed, and Serbia fell under Ottoman rule. That epic defeat has roughly the same significance for Serbs that the destruction of King Solomon's Temple has for Jews.

Serbia remained under the Ottoman yoke until the end of the 19th century. Then, during the First Balkan War in 1912, Serbia and Greece banded together with several other small states in the area to drive the Turks back to the gates of Constantinople. The victors' rush to divide the spoils led to the Second Balkan War. The great powers of Europe stepped in and redrew the map.

As often happens, the political boundaries they set did not coincide with tribal ones. The former Ottoman province of Albania became an independent country, but more than one-third of the Albanian people ended up outside its borders, living for the most part as second-class citizens in neighboring countries.

In Yugoslavia, whose name means Land of the South Slavs, the non-Slavic Albanians were at a special disadvantage. The Slovenes had Slovenia, the Croats Croatia, and the Macedonians Macedonia, but the Yugoslav Albanians never had a republic of their own. Instead, they were concentrated in the province of Kosovo in southern Serbia. Worse luck still, that piece of real estate included the site of the famous battlefield where Lazar lost to Murad.

The Yugoslav Albanians consider Kosovo their homeland, which is not unreasonable since they live there and outnumber the local Serbs 9 to 1. Most Serbs, however, regard Kosovo as holy ground, the cradle of their nationhood, because of 1389 and all that. It has never helped relations between the two communities that Albanians are predominantly Muslims, while Serbs in the region have tended to see

themselves as descendants of Lazar, defending the eastern frontier of Christendom against the encroachments of Islam. During the 1980s, this classically Balkan imbroglio played a key part in the rise of Milosevic, who in turn has contributed so crucially to the disintegration of Yugoslavia.

In 1981, the Kosovo Albanians started agitating for the status of a republic. The Serbs feared that the next step would be secession, then union with Albania, and many fled. In the late '80s Milosevic fanned the patriotic paranoia of the remaining Serbs there and put the province under direct and extremely repressive rule from Belgrade.

Until then, the leaders of Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia had by and large been willing to remain with Serbia in a loose federation. But when they saw how brutally Milosevic was dealing with Kosovo, they concluded that he was the embodiment of Serb nationalism at its worst. Wanting no part of his Yugoslavia, they headed for the exits.

Dennison Rusinow, an expert on the Balkans at the University of Pittsburgh, believes that had it not been for Milosevic's heavy-handedness in Kosovo five years ago,

Yugoslavia might still be intact today. "Kosovo provided the fuse," says Rusinow, "and Milosevic provided the detonator that has now led to explosions across the whole country."

In the current troubles, the almost 2 million Kosovo Albanians have so far remained relatively quiet. That is no doubt because the Milosevic regime has installed in their midst an enormous military and police apparatus and imposed a state of emergency. But below the surface, resistance has been building. In defiance of the Serbian government, the underground Albanian leadership plans to hold clandestine parliamentary elections for the phantom republic this week.

One new and highly incendiary factor is Albania itself. A decade ago, at the time of the last serious uprising in Kosovo, Albania was a Stalinist dictatorship. Whatever their grievances against Belgrade, few Yugoslav Albanians believed they would fare better under Tirana. But now that Albania is beginning to emerge from communism to join the modern world, it will inevitably serve as a stronger magnet for the loyalties of Albanians in Serbia and a stimulus to their militancy.

Having already ravaged Croatia and Bosnia, the third Balkan War is about to spread into Serbia, setting the scene for a new battle of Kosovo. Like Prince Lazar, Milosevic will have led his people to disaster.

And even that won't be the end of it. If Kosovo blows, so may Macedonia, where there is a large Albanian population. That could trigger an intervention from Greece, which takes a mischievously proprietary interest in the birthplace of Alexander the Great. Greece's involvement could, in turn, provoke its old antagonist Turkey to enter the fray, and history really will have come full circle.

THE CARNAGE

Hungry and shaken by two months of bombardment, Sarajevo residents came out of hiding last week during a rare moment of peace. As they lined up to buy bread, three mortar shells, fired by Serbian irregulars from a nearby hill, exploded in the crowded marketplace, killing at least 16 people and wounding more than 100. Moments later local TV cameramen captured the gore: survivors moaning and twitching in their own blood, severed limbs scattered among the dead and dying. Rescuers had to dodge sniper fire to reach the victims. One man, the lower part of his leg blown off, crawled toward the TV camera, begging for help.

Already sickened by the widely broadcast atrocities of Serbian-controlled forces, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker was outraged by the massacre in Sarajevo. The carnage was so appalling that Washington, after months of foot-dragging, stiffened its resolve to get tough on Belgrade. Having watched the European Community repeatedly fail to restore order, Baker had come to regard the growing Yugoslav conflict as a test of U.S. leadership in a post-cold-war world. Meeting with his chief advisers, he urged them to keep pushing hard at the United Nations for swift, blanket economic sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro. Baker didn't have to mention military intervention—everyone in the room knew that if economic sanctions failed, force was the only remaining option.

No danger: A year ago, when Yugoslavia first dissolved into ethnic war, the Bush administration saw little need for stepping in. No allies were in immediate danger; no strategic or economic interests were threatened. The Balkan dispute looked like a messy regional affair: by seceding, Slovenia and Croatia had taken matters into their own hands. Besides, no one seemed blameless when it came to shedding blood. Exhausted from the recently concluded gulf war, the administration was content to let the EC take the lead in trying to restore peace. Washington was slow to recognize the breakaway republics, fearful that without negotiations with Serbia, civil war would erupt in Croatia and Bosnia, which both contain large numbers of ethnic Serbs. But Baker failed to anticipate the reactions of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic—who misread U.S. forbearance as a green light to build a greater Serbia.

Even as Serbia advanced on Croatia, the U.S. State Department could argue that Milosevic was still trying to hold Yugoslavia together. "But his aggression in Bosnia crossed a new threshold," says a Baker adviser. Image after televised image of attacks on innocent civilians exposed Milosevic as an aggressor willing to carry his conflict across borders. "It's pretty clear that he's going to do the same thing to the [ethnic] Albanians in Kosovo province as he's doing to the Muslims in Bosnia," says a State Department official, warning that a widening war could spill over into Yugoslavia's neighbors. Fed up with the dissension among the EC members—Britain and Germany wanted action; France did not—Baker decided Washington had to act.

He decided to take unilateral steps as part of a strategy to elicit the EC's cooperation through tough talk, arm-twisting and embarrassment. "I don't think that the world is going to be willing to continue to accept a humanitarian nightmare," Baker said en route to Europe, where he used every occasion to push sanctions imposed by the United Nations under Chapter 7 of its charter, which also permits military action. The pressure tactics worked: last week the EC voted a partial trade embargo, and the U.N. Security Council imposed more sweeping economic sanctions.

But with the passage of a punishing U.N. resolution, is anyone serious about military intervention?

OUR LETTER TO BUSH

President G. Bush
Washington, U.S.A.

NEVER WILL ANY CALAMITY
BEFALL US BUT THAT WHICH
ALLAH HAS DECREED FOR US.
(Surah Taubah)

20th June 1992

The gruesome mass extermination of the Muslim nation of Bosnia by the savage Serbs is a heartrending episode with which you are fully cognizant. No aspect of the decimation of the Muslims of Bosnia by the barbaric Serbs remains concealed from you. Undoubtedly, you have greater awareness of the conspiracy to liquidate the Muslim nation of Bosnia than any of us have.

During the Gulf War which was initiated by the aggressive and imperialistic designs of America and its allies, you, in your capacity as the leader of the forces of aggression had promised a "NEW WORLD ORDER OF PEACE AND JUSTICE". What has happened to your pledge?

The western world under your leadership had mobilized to devastate Iraq, ostensibly to fight aggression—ostensibly to liberate Kuwait and to punish the aggressors. But, all people of intelligence are fully aware of the true designs, motivations and pernicious aims which had brought America and its allies to Iraq and Kuwait. Western greed for the wealth of the Muslim lands was the ONLY motivation for America's brutal aggression. If your motive was sincere, what is keeping you and your allies from intervening to stop the carnage taking place daily in Bosnia? What is preventing your underling, the United Nations, from instituting proper action to end the brutal murders, pillage, plunder and rape of a whole nation of Muslims in Bosnia? You and your allies were so vociferous when Iraq invaded Kuwait and you set up a gigantic show portraying the murderous aggression of the west against Iraqi Muslims as a struggle for justice, peace and order. Yet, today in Bosnia when thousands of Muslims—men, women and infants—are brutally massacred by Christian Serbs who put savages to shame, you and your lackeys make feeble noises, mumbling some faint criticism against the barbarian Serbs.

Your Serb bretheren are murdering Muslim women and children—shooting them even in hospitals—denying them food and water—destroying Mosques—murdering Muslims inside Mosques and kicking and trampling on dead Muslim bodies. Yet, there is no determined action from the so-called champions of democracy and justice.

This whole episode of murder and brutality being enacted in Bosnia is a western conspiracy to exterminate the Muslim population of Bosnia. The Muslim world is not blind to this reality although the satanic and westernized leadership at the helm of government in Muslim lands is too dumb and miserable to detect the vicious and vile plot which the western world is presently engineering against the World of Islam.

America and the west were after Kuwaiti oil wealth, hence you mobilized your cronies under the banner of democracy and justice to invade and plunder Iraq. The world knows the truth underlying American motives. You had no desire to aid those who were aggressed. The aim was only to capture the wealth of the Muslim lands.

If your stated aim of establishing a "NEW WORLD ORDER" of peace and justice has any substance and any truth in it, why are you standing by as a silent observer when a whole Muslim nation is being brutally and mercilessly annihilated by the scoundrels of Serbia? To put an end to the massacres being perpetrated by the Serbian thugs and barbarians, you don't have to mobilize the armies of 50 countries as you had done when you had perpetrated your aggression against Iraq. The effort which the western world had mobilized in their aggression against Iraq is not necessary to bring to a cessation the murders the Serbs are committing. In spite of tremendous odds being arraigned against them, the practically defenceless Bosnian Muslims are courageously fighting back. To aid these brave people fighting a last ditch battle for their survival, is there nothing that the so-called champions of democracy can do? Why should they lift a finger in aid of the Bosnian Muslims when the whole episode being enacted in front of our eyes is a murderous satanic plot to exterminate the Muslims of Bosnia?

The purpose of this communication to you is simply to convey to you that the world of Islam is not blind. Muslims are aware of the western conspiracy against Islam. America can befuddle and hoodwink miserable men like King Fahd, Hosni Mubarak and their ilk who have betrayed Islam and the Muslim nation. But, America and the west cannot fool the Muslim nation. The feeble verbal criticism of the Serbs offered by the west is not appreciated by the Muslim nation of the world. Muslims are not beguiled by such stupid, hollow and deceitful proclamations of support. Such criticism as the west has for the Serbs is merely a very thin veil and an outer facade of deception to conceal the deep hatred you all have for Islam and to pull wool over our eyes. But, behind that mask of so-called democracy lurks Satan. The western conspiracy to exterminate Muslims and Islam is unfolding horrendously in Bosnia. But, you can be rest assured that the evil machinations of Satan will not succeed. May the Curse of Almighty Allah settle on all the perpetrators of brutality and murder—on all those who have designs to annihilate Muslims.

Mujlisul Ulama of
South Africa

(COUNCIL OF THEOLOGAINS)

O People of Imaan! If you
aid (the Deen of) Allah,
He will aid you and He
will plant your feet
firmly (against
your enemies).
(Qur'aan)

THE BALKANS Saving Bosnia— At What Price?

There is a moral case for intervention, but neither the
U.S. nor Europe is ready to shoulder the military cost

POWER ON EARTH

Allah has promised those who
have Imaan among you and
practise virtuous deeds that
He will grant political
dominion to them as He had
granted political dominion
to those before them....."
(Qur'aan)

This Qur'aanic Promise will only materialize when Muslims adorn their Imaan with A'maal-e-Saalihah (Virtuous Deeds). Without A'maal-e-Saalihah, Imaan remains impoverished of its power-giving sustenance. The Qur'aan and the Hadith has made it abundantly clear that only an Ummah which has elevated its Imaan with A'maal-e-Saalihah can qualify to rule the earth.

MUHAASABAH

For the lasting success and victory of the Ummah, the Qur'aan commands us to adopt Muhaasabah (Soul-Searching):

"O People of Imaan! Fear Allah! Let every soul see what it has sent ahead (for the Hereafter) for tomorrow. Verily, Allah is fully aware of what you are doing. Do not become like those who have forgotten Allah. In consequence, Allah caused them to forget their own souls. They, indeed, are the transgressors."
(Surah Al-Hashr)

Those who have abandoned the exercise of Muhaasabah have forgotten Allah. In return Allah Ta'ala makes them oblivious of their corruption, degradation and the encircling forces of the kuffaar. They dwell snugly in a false sense of safety until suddenly the disasters crash down all over their heads.

The Qur'aan urges the Mu'mineen to constantly search their hearts and take a reckoning of their life. What have they sent ahead for their security in the Aakhirah and for even their safety, protection and ascendancy in this world?

Instead of preparing for an unknown future which might be beset with hardships and miseries, the Ummah in this day is pursuing the mundane world in a mad and drunken stupor. The Qur'aan Majeed says:

"You desire the fleeting material of this world while Allah desires the Aakhirah (for you).
(Surah Anfaal)

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Muslims are being massacred by the savages of Serbia. Muslim women, children and babies are mercilessly murdered even in hospitals but you, the Custodian of Haramain cannot find the courage to protest and put pressure on your leader America to halt the carnage and annihilation of your Muslim bretheren in Bosnia. Hang your head in shame your majesty
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United Nations was quick to move against Iraq and quick against Libya but hopelessly unwilling and ineffective to end the brutal massacre of Bosnian Muslims by savage Iraq and Libya but refuse to sanctioned aggressive force against Iraq and Libya but refuse to act against the immoral and merciless extermination of Bosnian Muslims. UN is part of conspiracy to eliminate Muslims
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The western conspiracy to exterminate the Bosnian Muslims by the employment of the savage Serbs is not hidden from Muslims stop The so-called champions of democracy are silent observers of the annihilation of the Muslims of Bosnia because the whole episode of Serbian brutality has been engineered by the west to liquidate the Muslim community of Bosnia stop Muslims condemn your silence and support for the evil Serbs
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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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Q. Will the recent assassination of the Algerian President come within the ambit of Jihaad?

A. Although there exists a valid case for despatching all these westernized munaafiqeen and atheists to Hell-Fire, the deed of assassination will be upheld by the Shariah as a valid act of Jihaad only if the order was issued by an Ameer in charge of the Jihaad movement in that country. While all Muslims concerned with the plight of the Ummah will feel an emotional state of satisfaction and derive pleasure from every set-back which the western puppets in Muslim countries suffer, Shar'i legality cannot be accorded to an act of assassination and sabotage if executed by an individual acting without the command of the Ameer in

in charge of the Jihaad movement.

Q. What is the situation of the Jihaad movement in Afghanistan? The declared objective of the Mujaahideen for years was the creation of an Islamic state. Has such a state been established now that the communists have been defeated?

A. An Islamic state has not been established in Afghanistan. The situation there remains obscure and a state of confusion prevails. The basic problem is that a military success has been achieved after years of struggle without the achievement of spiritual and moral elevation. Since the Islamic moral and spiritual spheres have become largely neglected, this rot is now manifesting in the aftermath of the military victory. The web of kuffaar conspiracy has already

been laid in Afghanistan. The West is feverishly working to undo the noble victory of the Mujaahideen. May Allah Ta'ala save Muslims from the pernicious plots of the kuffaar. But, such aid can only be expected when Muslims neutralize the schemes of their own nafs. Failing to do so, makes them vulnerable to the intrigue and conspiracy of the kuffaar.

Q. Please comment on the reported infighting which has erupted in the ranks of the Afghan Mujaahideen.

A. The group which is fighting for the Haqq—for the establishment of a Shar'i State has valid reasons to pursue the struggle against those who are compromising with the forces of zulm and the west. The group on the Haqq is Islamically justified to pursue the struggle against its deviated bretheren.